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Sir:

This is responsive to the final Office Action mailed on February 11, 2003, setting a three (3) month period for response ("Office Action"). Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment and consideration of the accompanying remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 19 to read as follows:

19. (once amended) A kit for fluorescence detection-based techniques or bioassays comprising:
- a. a suitable amount of a compound of Formula I according to Claim 11; and
 - b. a suitable amount of organic dye.

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